

(b) if so, what initiative was shown by Shri Shafiq and under what circumstances?]

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० वी० रामस्वामी) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) ६२ डाउन लखनऊ-कासगंज सवारी गाड़ी जब पीलीभीत स्टेशन यार्ड में दाखिल हो रही थी, तो गाड़ी के ड्राइवर श्री मुहम्मद शफीक ने देखा कि जिस लाइन पर उनकी गाड़ी ली जा रही है वह रकी हुई है । उन्होंने फौरन गाड़ी को काबू में किया और उसे स्कावट से ६६.४६ मीटर पहले ही रोक लिया ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri Mohammad Shafiq, Driver of 62 Down Lucknow-Kasganj Passenger train noticed while entering Pilibhit station yard that the line on which he was being received was obstructed. He immediately controlled his train and stopped it 66.49 metres short of obstruction.]

SHIPMENT OF TEA CONSIGNMENTS AT COCHIN PORT

\*55. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge consignments of tea intended for export were lying idle without clearance at Cochin port in the first week of July, 1962;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what efforts have been made to ship these consignments to their destinations?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND

COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Due to the stoppage of work by the Hooghly Pilots in the Port of Calcutta in May, 1962, shipping space for Malabar|U.K.|Continent was very much restricted for some time. It is understood that this resulted in the accumulation of large stocks of tea in the godowns of Shippers at Cochin early last month. There was also more crop during April-June which added to the accumulation. It appears that the Shippers took up the question of shipping space with the Conference Lines and that a major portion of the accumulated stock has since been shipped and the balance is expected to be cleared very shortly. There was no hold-up of consignments of tea at the port of Cochin.

INCIDENTS OF A LIZARD FOUND IN A BOTTLE OF AERATED WATER AND A RAT CHILLED IN ICE SLAB IN DELHI

\*56. { SHRI R. P. SINHA:  
SHRI FARIDUL HAQ  
ANSARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there have been incidents in Delhi in which a lizard was found in a bottle of aerated water and a rat chilled in an ice slab in an ice factory; and

(b) if so, what further remedial measures are under contemplation of Government to prevent recurrence of such incident; and safeguard the health of the citizens of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) A rat was found in an ice slab. An aerated water bottle was brought to the Delhi Municipal Corporation with a lizard inside it.

(b) Necessary steps have been taken by the Municipal health authorities to intensify the inspection of ice and other factories manufacturing food articles. Constant watch and vigilance is also being kept at the point of sale of edible products.

#### PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS ON UNMANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS

\*57. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to prevent accidents on unmanned level-crossings on Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of that scheme?

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

(a) and (b) Measures to obviate accidents as far as possible at unmanned level crossings and elsewhere are continually receiving Railways' attention. Whistle boards are provided by the Railways on the approaches of all unmanned level crossings, to enjoin the drivers of approaching trains to warn the road-users. The State Governments have been addressed to provide special road signs displaying the figure of a locomotive on road approaches of all unmanned level crossings, to caution the road-users that the level crossing is unmanned. It is proposed to request the Road Authorities to paint the legend 'Stop' above the figure of locomotive, so that all vehicular traffic should stop and look out before crossings the unmanned level crossing.

2. The density of road and rail traffic at unmanned level crossings is reviewed from time to time; and where the conditions have changed materially due to increase of road and/or rail traffic, proposals for manning

such level crossings are initiated in consultation with the Road Authority or the State Government.

3. The hon. Justice of the Madras High Court, in a recent case of an accident at an unmanned level crossing, opined that "it is impossible to expect the Railways to provide for gates and gatemen at every place where the railway line crosses on public highway" and that the road users should also exercise sufficient caution at such crossings to ensure safety.

#### AMOUNT SANCTIONED FOR MEDICAL COLLEGES AT GAUHATI AND SILCHAR

\*58. SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state whether the Government of India have sanctioned any amount for the two newly established medical colleges at Gauhati and Silchar in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

According to the existing procedure for the release of Central assistance to the States, allotment of funds is not made scheme-wise but the amount is sanctioned only at the end of each financial year for broad groups of categories of schemes. Three-fourths of the total Central assistance allocated for a financial year is, however, released in lump sum ways and means advances to the State Governments in nine equal instalments during the course of the year. Accordingly, a sum of Rs. 13.58 lakhs was sanctioned to the Government of Assam during 1961-62 for the implementation of all Centrally aided medical and public health schemes of the State including Education and Training' which would cover the two medical colleges at Gauhati and Silchar. Further sanctions would depend on the progress of the schemes and the